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APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Franklin M. Schellenberg and Patrick J. LaCour, entitled CREATING PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC MASKS.

- X   1. This application is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/703,294, filed October 31, 2000, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- X   2. An application consisting of 17 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 12 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X   3. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation or divisional, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]
- i. Please delete the following inventor named in the prior application, such deleted person not being an inventor of the subject matter claimed herein:
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- X   ii. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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- X   4. The prior application was assigned to Mentor Graphics Corporation, by an Assignment recorded at Reel 011278/Frame 0292.

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	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		
Basic Fee							770
Total Claims	22 - 20	=	2	x	18	=	36
Independent Claims	7 - 3	=	4	x	86	=	344
	TOTAL						\$1150

- X   5. Our Check No. 154605 in the amount of \$1,150.00 to cover the total fee as computed above is enclosed.

- X   6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

- X   7. The following additional document is enclosed: Citation of References. This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior Application No. 09/703,294, filed October 31, 2000. The references listed on the attached form were submitted to and/or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in this prior application and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

- X   8. A filing date in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is requested. The Express Mail Certificate appears below.

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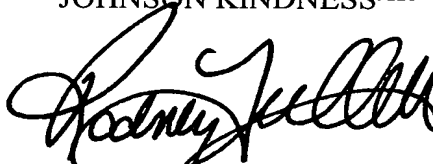
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